

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1206

By Pitts

A RESOLUTION to recognize Frances Carpenter Sumner on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Frances Carpenter Sumner is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for forty-four years as a librarian for New Providence Middle School (NPMS) and who will be taking a much-deserved retirement this year; and

WHEREAS, born June 6, 1944, in New Providence to Ernest and Louise Carpenter, Mrs. Sumner is the sister of Florence Sletcher and Ernie Carpenter and started elementary school in 1950 at New Providence Demonstration School; and

WHEREAS, in 1962, Frances Carpenter Sumner graduated from Clarksville High School; in 1966, she was hired as NPMS librarian and graduated from Austin Peay State University; and

WHEREAS, also that year, she began her service to NPMS, as the school poured its foundation and she soon opened the library and began working on books; and

WHEREAS, the NPMS library, under Mrs. Sumner's able guidance, has made great strides in her forty-four years as its sole librarian, including substantial improvements and remodeling in 1987 and again in 2005; her contributions as an educator were recognized in 1991, when she was named Distinguished Classroom Teacher; and

WHEREAS, throughout her illustrious tenure, Mrs. Sumner has also served the First Baptist Church in Clarksville as its librarian; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments aside, Frances Sumner is most grateful for the love and companionship of her husband, Bob Sumner, whom she married in 1968; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Sumner is an active and important part of her community and her profession, and she exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Frances Sumner has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Frances Carpenter Sumner our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.